selling done by the Medical Course Admission Committee.

Import of Cineraria Maritime Schwabe Eye Drops

2830. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether specification of Cineraria Maritime has been included in the Homoeopathic pharmacopoeia of India, Volume V;

(b) if so, whether Cineraria Maritime Schwabe Eye Drops being imported into the country is being tested according to specifications laid down in Homoeopathic pharmacopeia of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) CM Schwabe eye drops is not included in HPI and as such this is tested as per the label claims.

Inclusion of Homoeopathic Medicines in the HPI

2831. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to Second schedule of Drugs and Cosmetics Act Homoeopathic Medicines included in the HPI should be tested according to HPI;

(b) whether Cineraria Maritime is included in HPI;

(c) whether Cineraria Maritime now being imported is being tested according to HPI; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Cineraria Maritime Succus is included in HPI, but it is not being imported presently. Cineraria Maritime Schwabe Drops being presently imported are not included in HPI and are, therefore, tested on label claims.

Testing of Cineraria Maritime Schwabe Eye Drops

2832. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had insisted in 1989 that Cineraria Maritime Succus should comply with provision of HPI, Vol. V;

(b) whether Cineraria Maritime Schwabe eye drops now being imported is being tested according to label claim and not according to HPI; and

(c) if so, what is difference in composition of active ingredients in both the products and why Government are not insisting for testing of Cineraria Maritime Schwabe eye drops according to the provisions of HPI, Vol. V ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The difference between Cineraria Maritime Schwabe and Cineraria Maritime Succus is as follows :—

Cineraria Maritima Schwabe	
CM pressed Juice	50%
Ethyl Alcohol	9.263%
Glycerine	10%
Corrigentiae ad	100%
Cineraria Maritime Succus	
CM extracted Juice	87%
Ethyl Alcohol	8%
Glycerine	5%
Phenyl mercuric nitrate	0.0001%

Since Cineraria Maritime Schwabe eye drops is not covered by HPI it is tested as per label claims.

National Health Insurance Contribution

2833. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce National Health Insurance contribution by the citizens of the country to achieve uniform availability of health care facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Admission in Medical Colleges for MBBS Course

2834. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students admitted each year in various Medical Colleges for MBBS course;

(b) whether there is a prescribed limit of number of students being admitted in each Medical College;

(c) how many medical graduates passed out each year;

(d) the amount Government spends on a trained medical graduate;

(e) what is the population-doctor ratio in the country at present; and

(f) the number of medical colleges not recognised by the Medical Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Medical Council of India have informed that about 14000 to 15000 students are admitted each year in the MBBS Course.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Council while granting recognition fixes the number of seats admissible to each college.

(c) About 13000 to 14000 Medical Graduates pass out each year from various Medical Colleges in India.

(d) The expenditure involved to train a Medical Graduate in Centrally administered Medical Colleges is estimated at Rs. 4 to 5 lakhs approximately.

(e) The Doctor-population ratio in the country at present is 1:2312.

(f) 26 Medical Colleges are not recognised by the Medical Council of India.

Standards of Medical Education

2835. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for fast deteriorating standards of medical education both at graduate as well as post-graduate level;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the standard of medical education in the country;

(c) whether Government are considering delinking training and examination at post-graduate level to improve standard of specialists; and

(d) what is the contribution of various medical scientific bodies i.e. Association of Surgeons of India, Association of Physicians in India, towards maintaining standard of medical education and training in this country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The primary reason for determinating standards was the mushroom growth of sub-standard colleges. The Government have amended the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 with the objective of checking the unplanned growth of medical colleges at the cost of maintenance of standards.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Various Associations hold continuing medical education programmes to share their experiences and update the knowledge of their members.

Meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare

2836. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four key medical bodies of the country namely Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India, the Nursing Council of India and pharmacy Council of India did not attend the three-day meeting of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare; and

(b) if so, the reasons threrefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Representatives of the Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Councils of India attended the Conference as per invitation extended to them. The President of the Nursing Council regretted inability to attend.